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PLEASE PAS FOLLOWING INFORMATION URGENTLY TO CARL BECK, DIRECTOR
OF CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH.

1. BOGDAN WALEWSKI OF PISM MET WITH CAL KEY TO CLARIFY QUESTIONS
RAISED IN BECK'S COMMERCIAL TELEGRAMS. YOU SHOULD KNOW THE
FOLLOWING FACTS ON EXCHANGE RATES: A. THE GRANT BALANCE OF
\$24,564 EQUIVALENT IN ZLOTYS WILL BE PAID OUT TO THE DESIGNATED
REPRESENTATIVE, DR. ZDENEK SUDA, AT THE OFFICIAL POLISH RATE
OF 19.92 TO ONE DOLLAR. THIS IS THE ONLY RATE AUTHORIZED FOR GRANT
PAYMENTS.
MEMBERS OF THE GROUP ARE FREE TO CASH THEIR
OWN DOLLAR FUNDS AT ORBIS EXCHANGE COUNTERS AT THE PREVAILING
TOURIST EXCHANGE RATE. CURRENTLY THAT IS 33.20 ZLOTYS TO ONE
DOLLAR.

2. THE REQUEST FOR SINGLES WITH BATH AT LOW PRICES IS COMPLETE-
LY UNREALISTIC IN VIEW OF THE ALWAYS TIGHT AND EXPENSIVE HOTEL
SITUATION IN WARSAW. MR. WLAIEWSKI HOPES TO GET DOUBLES IN
WARSAW'S NEWEST HOTEL, THE SOLEC. THAT WILL COST A LITTLE MORE
THAN 600 ZLOTYS PER DAY COMPARED TO THE SINGLE ROOM PRICE OF
450. THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THIS ARRANGEMENT AND KNOWS THAT
EVEN THAT WILL BE DIFFICULT FOR PISM TO ACCOMPLISH.

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3. AS FOR FOOD, MR. WALEWSKI BELIEVES THAT HE CAN ARRANGE FOR GROUP MEALS AT THE HOTEL FOR AROUND 200 ZLOTYS PER PERSON. THESE ARRANGEMENTS, COMBINED WITH SVAINGS MR. WASEWSKI HIPES TO MAKE ON LOCAL SALARIES, EXPENSES AND RENTALS MAY GIVE THE SEMINAR GRUOP A BETTER CHANCE OF NOT DIGGING TOO DEEPLY INTO THEIR OWN POCKETS FOR BASIC MAINTENANCE EXPENSES. ALL PARTI-CIPANTS SHOULD HAVE ADEQUATE AMOUNTS OF DOLLARS OR TRAVELLER'S CHECKS TO TAKE CARE O NORMAL EXPENDITURES AND EXTRA PURCHESE.

4. THE EMBASSY HOPES THAT THIS INFORMATION WILL BE HELPFUL FOR THE GOUP'S IMMEDIATE NEEDS AND CALCULATIONS. PLEASE SEND PROF. SUDA'S NOVEMBER ETA WHEN AVAILABLE.
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